

STATUS OF PARAPSYCHOLOGY

The Office of Technical Service has investigated the field of parapsychology for the past three years. During the past year a project jointly funded with the Office of Research and Development was completed. The goal of these investigations was to discovery and/or develop the operational potential of parapsychological capabilities.

It has been decided by Agency management that research and development activities in parapsychology will not be continued. Operationally reliable and reproducible capabilities were not discovered or developed within the duration of the project. Because of the lack of clearly defined progress or understanding of the phenomena, continuing research has been judged to have too small a benefit versus cost ratio.

Even though reliable parapsychological functioning was not discovered or developed, capabilities of operational significant were. The major difficult remains reliability

and reproducibility. However, under experimental conditions which would be operationally acceptable, several individuals have produced information which could have been useful.

At this time no convincing explanation of how these individuals produced this information exists. Some of these individuals are unwitting subjects. One is a cleared subject under contract for continuing use. Several staff members also have been identified which may be of some value. This limited pool of parapsychology functioning individual with continue to be investigated and exercised on forzoperational exploitation on an experimental basis.